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Dr. Alan Schriesheim, Director
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Dear Dr. Schriesheim:

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST DATED OCTOBER 30, 1985,
DOCKET NO. 11048504D

The enclosed FOIA request is for a copy of a memo from R. E. Rowland to H. A. Schultz dated December 21, 1972, which discusses records of 18 plutonium research subjects. The requestor is also asking for any supporting documentation and any subsequent memos regarding the subject.

Due to statutory time limitations for responding to FOIA requests, we must have your response no later than December 2, 1985.

Sincerely,

for David T. Goldman
Area Manager

Enclosure:
As Stated

cc: A. Zilberstein, ANL, w/enclosure
R. E. Rowland, Princeton, KY, w/enclosure

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Mr. Ronald Turner
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To the FOI Officer:

This request is made under the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. '552.

Please send me copies of Memorandum, dated 12-21-72, from Dr. R.E. Rowland to H.A. Schultz, senior staff assistant, Records and Data Processing, Center for Human Radiobiology, Argonne National Lab. Memo discusses instructions from Rowland to Schultz on records of 18 plutonium research subjects. Records were transferred to Schultz for his disposition. Please include any supporting documentation and any subsequent memos regarding this subject.

As you know, the FOI Act provides that if portions of a document are exempt from release, the remainder must be segregated and disclosed. Therefore, I will expect you to send me all nonexempt portions of the records which I have requested, and ask that you justify any deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the FOI Act. I reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any materials.

I promise to pay reasonable search and duplication fees in connection with this request. However, if you estimate that the total fees will exceed \$50, please notify me so that I may authorize expenditure of a greater amount.

I am prepared to pay reasonable search and duplication fees in connection with this request. However, the FOI Act provides for waiver or reduction of fees if disclosure could be considered as "primarily benefiting the general public." I am a journalist employed by The Knoxville Journal and intend to use the information I am requesting as the basis for a planned article. Therefore, I ask that you waive all search and duplication fees. If you deny this request, however, and the fees will exceed \$50, please notify me of the charges before you fill my request so that I may decide whether to pay the fees or appeal your denial of my request for a waiver.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I will appreciate your calling me by telephone, rather than by mail, if you have any questions. Thanks and I will look forward to your reply within 10 business days, as required by law.

Sincerely,
Randall B. ...
Randall B. ..., reporter
(615) 522-4141, Ext. 423

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